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1. The reply filed on 8/16/2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): On page 1 of the response, the applicant notes that independent claims 1 & 22 are generic claims. However, independent claims 1 and 22 have inadvertently been withdrawn in the claims filed 8/16/2007. In order to further examine the generic claims 1 & 22, and the elected species and sub-species specific claims dependent therefrom, claims 1 and 22 should not be indicated as withdrawn. To simply correct this problem the applicant should submit a new set of claims that indicates generic independent claims 1 & 22 with the claim identifier (Original). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James S. Bergin whose telephone number is 571-272-6872. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Wednesday and Friday, 8.30 - 5.30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 571-272-6873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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